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GDP INVESTMENT IN HEALTH SECTOR
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the present level of percentage of the Gross Domestic Product invested in the public health sector;

(b) whether the present level of investment of the Gross Domestic Product in the sector is inadequate; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to enhance the investment in this purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

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(a) According to World Health Report, 1999 - `Making a Difference`, total health expenditure as percentage of GDP for the period around 1995 was 5.6% of which the share of public sector was 1.2%

(b)&(c) Keeping in view the overall resource position and the sectoral priorities, the Planning Commission decides allocation of funds to different sectors. The percentage of outlay provided for the health and family welfare as a % of the total plan outlay during the Ninth Five Year Plan at 4.01 shows an increase when compared to that of the Eighth Five Year Plan when it was 3.24.Government has been making every effort to augment the resources for the health and family welfare sectors by mobilising external assistance from various bilateral and multi-lateral agencies for implementing the National programmes for Malaria, TB, Leprosy, Blindness, AIDS and Reproductive and Child Health Programmes.Besides, for upgrading the rural hospitals in selected States, World Bank assistance has been availed of which would further improve delivery of the health sector.